

REMARKS

Claims 6, 9-14, 21-25 and 39-46 remain pending in the application, claims 1-5, 7, 8, 15-20, 26-38 and 47-58 being canceled herein.

Claims 47-50 under 35 USC 101

In the Office Action, claims 47-50 were rejected under 35 USC 101 as allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 47-50 are canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection now be withdrawn.

Claim 6 under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph, as allegedly containing subject matter not described in the specification.

Though the Examiner initially indicates that this rejection relates to claim 7, it is believed that the Examiner is referring only to claim 6.

Claim 6, as ORIGINALLY filed, taught provision of a PLURALITY of selectable storage locations for storage of the converted instant message. An originally filed claim is part of a specification as originally filed. Accordingly, the limitations of claim 6 are fully described in the specification.

Nevertheless, claim 6 is canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 6, 27 and 32 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph

Claims 6, 27 and 32 were rejected under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

Claims 6, 27 and 32 are canceled herein, and thus the rejection is now moot. It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 15, 18, 47, and 50 over Mache

Claims 15, 18, 47 and 50 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Mache.

Claims 15, 18, 47 and 50 are canceled herein, thereby rendering the rejections now moot. It is respectfully requested that the rejections now be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26-38, 48 and 49 over Mache and Maurille

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26-38, 48 and 49 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Publication No. 2001/0003202 to Mache et al. ("Mache") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,484,196 to Maurille ("Maurille").

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 26-38, 48 and 49 are canceled herein, making these rejections moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections now be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 3 over Mache, Maurille and Dorenbosch

Claims 2 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Mache in view of Maurille, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0173308 to Dorenbosch et al. ("Dorenbosch").

Claims 2 and 3 are canceled herein, making these rejections now moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 6 in view of Mache, Maurille and O'Hara

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Mache in view of Maurille, and further in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0178222 to O'Hara et al. ("O'Hara").

With this rejection being rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 6, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

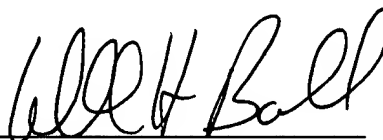
Conclusion

Previously unelected claims 9-14, 21-25 and 39-46 relating to transfer of a chat history remain pending herein, with previously elected claims 1-8, 15-20, 26-38 and 47-50 (as well as claims 51-58) being canceled herein.

Claims 9-14, 21-25 and 39-46 are patentable as none of the cited art discloses, teaches or suggests transfer and conversion of a chat history, as claimed herein.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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